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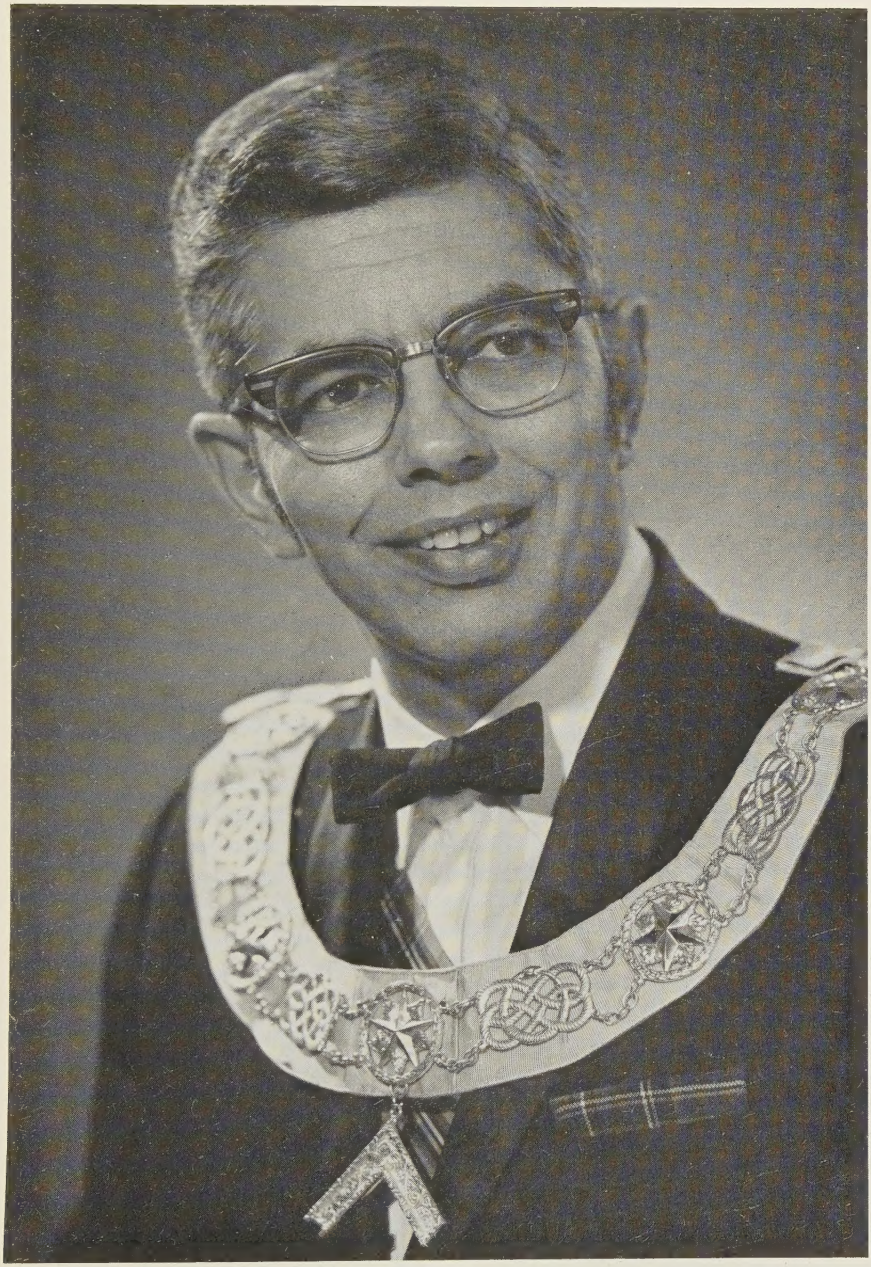

WOR. BRO. PAUL WILKINSON
Worshipful Master

OFFICERS AND PAST MASTERS

1971

IN APPRECIATION

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The work and research necessary to compile this History of St. Andrew's Lodge has been a most interesting and rewarding experience for the writer. The privilege and pleasure of this task is deeply appreciated, but we would be remiss if we did not express our thanks to all who assisted in any way.

We are greatly indebted to the following brethren without whose help and encouragement this work would not have been possible.

The late R. Wor. Bro. James Baird, first Inner Guard of our Lodge, who was in constant communication with us when the work of writing began five years ago.

The late Wor. Bro. John S. Drysdale, who contributed much with his memories of the beginnings of St. Andrew's.

R. Wor. Bro. Robert Strachan, who, with his accurate records and his memories, has been a tower of strength all through the writing of this History, and V. Wor. Bro. John B. McConnachie with detailed accounts of the "Clansmen," their beginnings and their function, and with his contribution of the biographical sketch of our Secretary.

Bro. Hector D. Munro, the first candidate to be initiated into our Lodge, and his memories of our early days.

Also, there are many brethren who assisted with their memories of events within the Lodge. To them we are extremely grateful. Since it would not be possible to list all of these people, we take this means of extending our thanks to all who, in some measure, made this History possible.

We are also indebted to the Editorial Committee appointed by the Committee of General Purposes, R. Wor. Bro. Stewart Davidson and R. Wor. Bro. David J. Miller.

We are proud to dedicate this "First Fifty Years of St. Andrew's Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 593, G.R.C.," to our Founding Fathers, and to all who in any way made our Lodge revered and respected over the years.

Wor. Bro. Hugh Campbell.

FIRST OFFICERS
AND
PAST MASTERS
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FIFTY YEARS OF MASONRY

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, A.F. & A.M., No. 593, G.R.C.

A resumé of events leading up to the formation of St. Andrew's Lodge

By THE LATE WOR. BRO. JOHN S. DRYSDALE
First Senior Warden of St. Andrew's Lodge

"In 1921, John C. Munro was Secretary of St. Andrew's Benevolent Society, and the writer, Vice-President. During a conversation, John Munro suggested that it might be possible to form a Lodge using the name 'St. Andrew,' and we decided to make enquiries.

"Jim Baird was also an enthusiastic Mason, and an active member of St. Andrew's Society, so we decided to meet with him to get his opinions. The result of that meeting was that we approached Wor. Bro. Robert Buchanan who explained to us how to go about the formation of a new Lodge.

"The next six to eight months were spent trying to arrange a meeting night for the new Lodge, going from the Masonic Board to the Masters' and Wardens' Association and back again until R. Wor. Bro. Andrew Bain suggested that he would try to arrange a joint meeting of the two bodies to which we would be invited.

"This was arranged, but after much discussion there seemed to be no night available. Then Wor. Bro. Donald Wilson, the Association President and Ruling Master of The Barton Lodge, suggested that if the Board would guarantee a night for his Lodge when they required an Emergent Meeting, he was sure that The Barton Lodge would give up the fourth Wednesday of each month, which was the regular emergent night. This was how this night became the Regular Meeting night of St. Andrew's Lodge. R. Wor. Bro. Andrew Bain, who had done so much to help us, was invited to become a Charter Member, and he was delighted to accept.

"Now began the real task of organizing. As a great many members of the Benevolent Society were members of the Craft, it was decided to limit our Charter Membership to Society members, with the exception of V. Wor. Bro. Thomas Epps, who was Tyler for the other Lodges.

"An organization meeting was called at my home and Wor. Bro. Robert Buchanan was elected Chairman, with Wor. Bro. F. W. Davidson at Secretary of these meetings. Our first choice of Worshipful Master was Wor. Bro. James Chisholm who, when interviewed by Wor. Bro. Buchanan, said that he would be a Charter Member, but that he would decline the honour of being the first Worshipful Master.

"Wor. Bro. Donald Munro was now approached and accepted our invitation. All of the brethren who are familiar with our Lodge's history are aware of his good work and of the solid foundation he laid for our Lodge.

"Now the two Wardens were appointed—myself (John Drysdale) as Senior Warden and John C. Munro as Junior Warden. Wor. Bro. Fred Davidson was appointed Secretary, which position he held until his death on January 17th, 1945.

"Dundurn Lodge, No. 475, kindly offered us the use of their Regalia, etc., until we could purchase our own. Our first Gavels were made in the form of the Scottish Thistle, with the numerals 1, 2 and 3, to symbolize the three steps from Junior Warden to Worshipful Master.

"This, in short, is the history of the formation of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 593, G.R.C., before its Institution."

FIFTY YEARS OF MASONRY

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, A.F. & A.M., No. 593, G.R.C.
1921 to 1971

(Quoted from the first paragraph of our Silver Anniversary Book)

It is certainly both meet and fitting at this time that we cast a backward glance upon our History to find those ideals and aspirations which have walked hand in hand with us along the way and to realize anew the solid and enduring principles which we as Brother Masons uphold. We would pay honour in these pages to those brethren who gave of themselves in the formation and institution of St. Andrew's Lodge. Their influence flows down the channel of Time into the great ocean of Eternity.

CHAPTER ONE

THE FIRST YEARS

A study of the foregoing "Resumé" by our late Wor. Bro. Drysdale gives us a clear indication of the quality of men and their untiring efforts to overcome all obstacles to succeed in the formation of a Masonic Lodge called "St. Andrew's."

From that small beginning, over the past fifty years, St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 593, has grown to be one of the most respected Lodges in the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. There can be no doubt that our growth and success can be traced directly to these beginnings and to the dedication and enthusiasm of our Founders.

Our Founding Fathers were fortunate in their choice of Wor. Bro. Donald Munro as the first Worshipful Master of St. Andrew's, and he and his Senior Officers, Bro. J. S. Drysdale, Senior Warden, and Bro. J. C. Munro, Junior Warden, were largely responsible for our high ideals and traditions which have been maintained down through the years by succeeding Worshipful Masters.

On December 28th, 1921, our Lodge was instituted by R. Wor. Bro. Charles E. Kelly, District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton Masonic District "B", in the Scottish Rite Room of the Masonic Hall on James St. North.

There were forty-one Charter Members present on that night and, as an indication of steady future growth, this number increased to one hundred and fifty-two by October 31st, 1922.

One of the outstanding features of this early growth was the large number of Affiliations, which was direct proof that the institution of St. Andrew's met with the approval of all the brethren in the jurisdiction.

The Dispensation from the Grand Master was read by Wor. Bro. Herbert W. Temple, authorizing the petitioners to meet in the City of Hamilton on the fourth Wednesday of each month and to proceed as a regular Lodge to be entitled the "St. Andrew's Lodge," to Enter, Pass and Raise Free Masons conformably to the Laws and Constitution of Grand Lodge, and to do all other acts as may lawfully be done by a Lodge under Dispensation.

The following Officers were installed and invested on this occasion:

Wor. Bro.	Donald Munro	Worshipful Master
Bro.	John S. Drysdale	Senior Warden
Bro.	John C. Munro	Junior Warden
Wor. Bro.	F. W. Davidson	Secretary
Bro.	James L. Porteous	Treasurer
Wor. Bro.	Robert Buchanan	Director of Ceremonies
Bro.	Hugh Fergusson	Senior Deacon
Bro.	John C. Gordon	Junior Deacon
Bro.	James Baird	Inner Guard
Bro.	William Clelland	Chaplain
Bro.	John MacBeth	Senior Steward
Bro.	Gordon A. Brown	Junior Steward
V. Wor. Bro.	Thomas E. Epps	Tyler
Bro.	James F. Dunlop	Auditor
Bro.	L. P. Robertson	Auditor

In addressing the members, R. Wor. Bro. C. E. Kelly congratulated them on the splendid attendance and intimated that it was the largest

that he had witnessed at an Institution. On behalf of the members of St. Andrew's Lodge he presented Wor. Bro. Donald Munro with a Worshipful Master's Apron.

The first St. Andrew's Summons was published for the Regular Communication of January 25th, 1922, and contained the names of nine applicants for Affiliation and thirteen for Initiation. Mr. Hector D. Munro, the son of the Junior Warden, was the first candidate to be initiated into St. Andrew's Lodge on this occasion. Two other candidates were also initiated: Mr. A. L. Munro, who later served as Tyler, and Mr. James Bavis.

R. Wor. Bro. C. E. Kelly was made an Honorary Member of St. Andrew's Lodge, U.D., at this meeting, and our honoured guest for the evening was M. Wor. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, whose response to the Toast to the Immortal Memory, "Burns as a Mason," was an inspiration to all present. It should be noted that at this meeting of our Lodge was born what was to become a time-honoured tradition of St. Andrew's, our Annual Burns' Night, and that on January 26th, 1972, this tradition will be observed for the fiftieth consecutive time.

It is significant of the spirit of dedication of our Officers and Charter Members that, at the next meeting, in February of 1922, Bro. J. S. Drysdale presented to the Lodge our Working Tools, Gavels and Columns, which he had designed and hand-made himself. He also presented our Altar Drape of Royal Stewart Tartan, the handiwork of Mrs. Drysdale.

The March meeting of that year was another unique occasion, a "Father and Son Night." Mr. T. R. B. Robertson, who became Worshipful Master for the year 1933, and his son, Mr. Norman L. Robertson, were initiated. In the Banquet Room, the brethren were entertained with Highland dancing by Miss Jessie Robertson, the daughter and sister of our candidates. Bro. Rev. Dr. H. Beverly Ketchen spoke on the subject, "Scottish National Character."

On the occasion of the Official Visit of the D.D.G.M., R. Wor. Bro. C. E. Kelly, in May, the Lodge was presented with an Altar Copy of the Volume of Sacred Law by the first twenty-five members to be initiated in St. Andrew's. The presentation was made by Bro. Hector D. Munro, our first candidate, on behalf of his brethren who surrounded him. It was gratefully accepted by Wor. Bro. Munro and placed on

the Altar by R. Wor. Bro. Kelly with the expressed hope that all who took their Vows thereon would abide by its teachings. This Volume has since been re-bound and is regularly used on the Altar on the occasion of each Annual Young Members' Night.

Another long-standing tradition of our Lodge was instituted in 1922, when our first St. Andrew's Picnic was held on July 22nd at Oaklands Park, and was a highly successful affair for all who attended. Our first Junior Warden, Bro. J. C. Munro, left nothing undone to ensure a pleasant outing for the more than three hundred who attended.

On September 27th our Charter was presented by the District Deputy Grand Master, R. Wor. Bro. Frank Hills, who consecrated and constituted St. Andrew's Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 593, G.R.C., in a most impressive manner, assisted by a large number of Worshipful brethren. The Lodge Room was taxed to capacity on this occasion, about three hundred and fifty attending.

As an indication of our solid foundations and the popular success of St. Andrew's Lodge, during our second year, 1923, there were thirteen Regular Meetings and twenty-two Emergent Meetings held, and a total of two hundred and seventeen Degrees conferred.

The first Young Members' Night was held at the Regular Meeting in March, 1923. Our Young Members, with Wor. Bro. Munro in the Chair, conferred the First Degree with great dignity. The candidate on this occasion was Mr. Malcolm Kelday Heddle, who was to serve with honour and dignity as Chaplain of our Lodge from 1942 to 1959.

No doubt many members and visitors to our Lodge have seen and admired the fine Scottish Standard which used to grace the East above the Chair of King Solomon in the old Lodge Hall on James St. North, and wondered how it got there. On the occasion of the Official Visit of the D.D.G.M., R. Wor. Bro. Frank Hills, in May, 1923, Bro. Wm. Clelland, our first Chaplain, and his three sons, Bros. Wm. B., J. L. and A. S. Clelland, presented this magnificent Standard. In accepting this generous gift Wor. Bro. Munro expressed the hope that Bro. Wm. Clelland and his three sons would long be spared to see this Standard within the portals of St. Andrew's.

It should be recorded that one of our Charter Members, Wor. Bro. F. W. Davidson, our first Secretary, was a Past Master of Zeta

Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 410, G.R.C., in Toronto, and because of this connection a long and profitable friendship has existed between our two Lodges. The first exchange of visits took place in September of 1923, when the Worshipful Master, his Officers, Past Masters and two hundred members of Zeta made the trip from Toronto and conferred a very impressive First Degree on Rev. Edgar Foreman. After the Lodge had closed the brethren adjourned to the I.O.O.F. Temple, where dinner was served and a high class programme of entertainment was presented by our Zeta brethren.

On October 26th Wor. Bro. Munro, his Officers and Past Masters, together with one hundred and eighty members of St. Andrew's, journeyed to Toronto for our first visit to Zeta Lodge. The entertainment in the Banquet Room was provided by the members of our Lodge.

At our November meeting, the first Election of Officers of St. Andrew's Lodge was conducted by R. Wor. Bro. C. E. Kelly. The attendance of one hundred and forty-nine members was evidence of their great interest in the selection of Officers for the ensuing year. In December, our Tyler, V. Wor. Bro. Thomas Epps, installed Wor. Bro. John S. Drysdale as Worshipful Master. Bro. J. C. Munro was invested as Senior Warden and Bro. J. C. Gordon as Junior Warden. The various other Officers were invested in their respective offices. On this occasion, Wor. Bro. Drysdale presented the first Past Master's Jewel to Wor. Bro. D. Munro.

Our Past Master's Jewel of St. Andrew's Lodge is greatly admired for its simplicity and beauty, wherever it appears, and serves to remind all St. Andrew's brethren of our Masonic background.

We of St. Andrew's are justly proud of our Scottish heritage and we pray that this may long be at the heart of our Lodge, but we must not forget that the intention of our Founders was that St. Andrew's would be a Canadian Lodge. This was impressed on the writer when, during an evening at John Drysdale's home, this question came up. He suggested that we take a good look at our Past Master's Jewel and we would see that he clearly had this in mind when he designed our distinctive Jewel.

At the top, there are three Maple Leaves. The Square is also adorned with Maple Leaves. Under the Shield of St. Andrew we find the Rose, the Shamrock and the Thistle. Whenever we see it let it be a reminder

PAST MASTERS' JEWEL

of our heritage, and of the fact that down through the years the aims of our Founders have indeed come to fruition. We are a truly Canadian Lodge.

We are forever indebted to the late Wor. Bro. John Drysdale for a Jewel that even after fifty years still draws comment on its distinctive beauty and simplicity. Throughout all these years our Past Masters continue to wear it with pride.

The next ten years in our history were years of growth and fruitful in many ways although they contained the limiting restrictions of the depression years. The brethren who succeeded Wor. Bro. Drysdale during this period were zealous in their faith and diligent in their work. These Worshipful Masters were:

1925—Wor. Bro. J. C. Munro
1926—Wor. Bro. J. C. Gordon
1927—Wor. Bro. James Baird
1928—Wor. Bro. John McBeth
1929—Wor. Bro. Wm. Clelland
1930—Wor. Bro. Gordon A. Brown
1931—Wor. Bro. J. F. McDonald
1932—Wor. Bro. C. S. Glennie
1933—Wor. Bro. T. R. B. Robertson
1934—Wor. Bro. John G. Sands

With Wor. Bro. James Baird as Worshipful Master, 1927 became one of the busiest years in our history.

At the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in July our Lodge was honoured when Wor. Bro. Fred W. Davidson, our Secretary, was elected District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton Masonic District "B". Our first Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Donald Munro, was also honoured at this time when he was appointed Grand Steward. These brethren were the first St. Andrew's members to be so honoured.

In September we were privileged to receive a large delegation of past and present Grand Lodge Officers when R. Wor. Bro. F. W. Davidson paid his Official Visit to his Lodge. After all the formalities were observed, R. Wor. Bro. Davidson asked the regular Officers to vacate their Chairs in favour of past and present Grand Lodge Officers, who were present to assist our D.D.G.M. to initiate his son, Mr. Stewart

Davidson, into Freemasonry; an important occasion in our history, as Bro. Stewart Davidson was to follow in his father's footsteps, serving his Lodge as an Officer, as Worshipful Master, and later as District Deputy Grand Master.

In 1928, we were to mark another "first," under the guidance of Wor. Bro. McBeth. In May of that year, Worshipful Alfred H. Tucker and seventy-five of his Officers and members from Occidental Lodge, F. & A.M., No. 766, Buffalo, New York, paid their first fraternal visit to St. Andrew's. Worshipful Tucker and his Officers exemplified the Third Degree in American form in a most impressive manner. This was the beginning of our long and fruitful friendship with our Occidental brethren, which still flourishes.

St. Andrew's was again honoured by Grand Lodge when one of our Affiliated Past Masters, Wor. Bro. W. H. Wallace, was appointed a Grand Steward.

Zeta Night in October saw Wor. Bro. Grigg, of Zeta Lodge, and his Officers confer a very impressive First Degree on Mr. Clyde B. Moyes. Bro. Moyes became Worshipful Master in 1945.

At our December meeting, Wor. Bro. John C. Munro handed over to the Lodge the Volume of the Sacred Law which had been presented to him by the Officers and members of Occidental Lodge on the occasion of our first fraternal visit to them in Buffalo, N.Y. This is the Volume which is still in use on our Altar.

During 1929, under Wor. Bro. Clelland, we admitted twenty new members to our Lodge. On Young Members' Night of that year, the Young Members Team, with Wor. Bro. Wm. Clelland in the Chair, initiated into Masonry one Mr. Robert Strachan. Although it probably did not occur to any one present that night, this was a most significant occasion for St. Andrew's. Bro. Strachan progressed through the various Chairs of the Lodge and was installed as Worshipful Master for the year 1941, and in 1945, on the death of our first Secretary, R. Wor. Bro. F. W. Davidson, succeeded him as Secretary of St. Andrew's. His value to St. Andrew's cannot be estimated and merits mention in a special section later in this story.

On the occasion of their annual fraternal visit, Worshipful Reg. P. Long, on behalf of the Officers and members of Occidental Lodge,

presented to Wor. Bro. Clelland a beautiful set of Bible Jewels which are still in use on the Altar. Wor. Bro. J. C. Munro then presented, on behalf of St. Andrew's Lodge, a mahogany case containing a set of Working Tools as used in American Lodges.

Under the guidance of Wor. Bro. Gordon A. Brown the year 1930 was another busy and eventful year. At the Regular Meeting in December, V. Wor. Bro. Donald Munro installed Wor. Bro. James F. McDonald as Worshipful Master for the year 1931. This Installation Ceremony was noteworthy because Wor. Bro. McDonald was the first Worshipful Master who had been initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge.

Our History would not be complete without mention being made of the "Years of Depression." Not only did these hard times leave their mark on business and industry, but had a very telling effect within the portals of Masonry. A committee was appointed, with Wor. Bro. James Baird as Chairman, and they were called on many times to go to the assistance of those brethren who found themselves in circumstances of distress.

This Committee deserves the highest commendation and merits a place in our History for the capable manner in which it accomplished this difficult task with the limited means at its disposal. During those years many Benefit Nights were held when the members of our Lodge rallied to the assistance of their less fortunate brethren. Never in our history has the Spirit of Brotherly Love been so evident.

On June 27th, Mr. E. M. Marshall was initiated into Masonry by Wor. Bro. John Sands and his Officers. This was a noteworthy occasion, as Wor. Bro. Edward M. Marshall served our Lodge in a very capable manner as Worshipful Master during our Twenty-fifth Anniversary year.

In July, 1934, at the Annual Grand Lodge Communications, St. Andrew's Lodge was honoured when Wor. Bro. James Baird was elected as District Deputy Grand Master for Hamilton Masonic District "B".

CHAPTER TWO

FROM LABOUR TO REFRESHMENT

An accurate record of all meetings held, both Regular and Emergent, business transacted and Degrees conferred can always be found in the Lodge Minute Books; however, many events in the life of a Lodge take place outside the Lodge Room and during the hours of refreshment which are an integral part of the life of the Lodge, and as such should be recorded. In St. Andrew's Lodge, many of these activities had their beginnings in the formative years and certainly had a tremendous bearing on our character and the fine reputation of our Lodge. This Chapter, therefore, stands as a record of these activities which took place during our hours of refreshment.

THE CLANSMEN

In 1922 one of the most important and lasting innovations was the formation of a Committee of the Lodge named "The Clansmen." This was an organization within the Lodge of brethren who wanted to give of their time and their talents to further the expressed aims of Masonry in general and St. Andrew's in particular.

Their main function was the responsibility for the entertainment, refreshment and pleasure of all the members and their guests. When this committee was formed, the first Chairman elected was Bro. John Briggs, and the first Secretary, Bro. Hector D. Munro.

The Minute Books of The Clansmen show many hours of planning and record very few failures and many successes.

In our present day the make-up of The Clansmen has changed somewhat, but its aims and functions remain the same. To-day, the Junior Warden is automatically Chairman and all Officers and Past Masters are members, as are any or all members who would wish to participate.

As we look over the records of The Clansmen we note the names of many members who took part and gave valuable service to their Lodge. It would be impossible to record the names of all of these brethren, but it should be noted that Bro. Hector D. Munro served as Secretary for over five years and, in 1928, one of our distinguished Past Masters took over and served in this capacity for many years, the late Wor. Bro. Wm. Johnston.

V. Wor. Bro. John B. McConnachie has contributed valuable service to The Clansmen and his Lodge for a long period of time by arranging for and providing entertainment in the Banquet Room, at our Annual Ladies' Night and on Burns' Night.

Nor can we overlook V. Wor. Bro. John I. Carrick, who, from 1962, when he served as Junior Warden and Chairman of The Clansmen, has been responsible for the decoration of the auditorium at the Scottish Rite for our Annual Ladies' Night.

He has used imagination and great effort to provide a very fine and varied background for this important event each year.

One of the outstanding features of The Clansmen is that they have served our Lodge continuously since their inception in 1922, and in a dual capacity. By taking a great share of the responsibility from the shoulders of the Junior Warden for the hours of refreshment, they have enabled him to devote more of his time to his other duties as a Warden. It is also true, that because of their make-up, The Clansmen have given the opportunity to any brother who so desired to take an active part in the affairs of the Lodge. Moreover, it is probably true to say that The Clansmen have been responsible for many of the fine Officers and Past Masters who have served St. Andrew's so well down through the years. Who is to say how many Masons have been influenced by their service as Clansmen to progress further, and to eventually occupy the Chair of King Solomon.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to our Charter Members who had the inspiration to organize this group.

In the beginning, The Clansmen met, as they still do, on the first Thursday of the month. It is well that at this point in our history we stress again the fact that any brother is most welcome to participate in this most important and useful Lodge activity.

THE ORCHESTRA

From the first year of its history, and until well into the 1950's, St. Andrew's Lodge was fortunate that under the direction of our first Senior Deacon, Bro. Hugh Fergusson, we had a very capable and talented Orchestra. This Orchestra was so important in the life of the Lodge that Bro. Fergusson resigned as Senior Deacon so that he could devote all of his spare time to its development.

The original Orchestra was composed of the following brethren: Hugh Fergusson, Stewart Davidson, James Troup, Richard Colley and William Barclay. This group performed for the first time, in the Banquet Room, at the Regular Meeting in January, 1922. From then on, they provided many happy and enjoyable hours for our members and guests; and, in our Silver Jubilee Year, 1946, had an average attendance of twelve regular members. Some of these members had been regular in attendance for nearly twenty years, namely: Bros. Harry Christiansen, James Weightman and Alex Smith, while Bros. William Millican and Arthur Denton had a record of ten to twelve years. Bro. Joseph Rule was our gifted cornet player, having joined in 1924, and with the exception of a few years spent in England remained a loyal member.

Bro. Harry Gregory played bass trumpet and wrote and arranged several marches and selections for the Orchestra. Elsewhere in this journal is the record of a Special Evening held by the Lodge to honour Bro. Hugh Fergusson for his unstinting efforts with this group and his long service as Orchestra Leader.

We are much indebted to all of these brethren and to all others who contributed to this able group of musicians.

THE BASEBALL TEAM

In the early twenties, the Masons of Hamilton had an active Baseball League, in which our Lodge had a strong team. The year 1924 was the highlight for St. Andrew's team, because in that year they won the League Championship. This was recognized by the Lodge when the Worshipful Master presented sterling silver belt chains to each member. In demonstration of the fact that they were not only good ball players, but good Masons, the Baseball Team conferred the First Degree on Mr. Reginald James Bowles at the Regular Meeting in August of that year.

THE GLEE CLUB

Another Lodge activity in our early years was the St. Andrew's Glee Club. This fine group was organized under the guidance of Bro. John McDonald and was very prominent in our hours of refreshment, particularly during the years 1926, 1927 and 1928. The older brethren, whose memories go back to those years, remember with pleasure the fine entertainment provided by this talented group.

Bro. John McDonald was called to the Grand Lodge Above in 1941. His cheery disposition and contributions to the Lodge entertainment left happy memories to all who had been privileged to know him.

BURNS' NIGHT

It is probably significant that the birth of Scotland's National Bard, Robert Burns, is closely associated with St. Andrew's Lodge.

It all began at the first Regular Meeting after Dispensation, in January, 1922, in the Banquet Room on James Street, when M. Wor. Bro. W. H. Wardrope was our guest and replied to The Toast to the Immortal Memory. For many years thereafter Burns' Night was celebrated in that Banquet Room after the work of the evening was completed in the Lodge Room. Eventually, the numbers attending this annual event became so great that other arrangements had to be made for accommodation, and we moved to the large Banquet Hall at the Scottish Rite. The Lodge still meets for its Regular January meeting in the Lodge Room, but only for transaction of the month's business; then closes and the brethren adjourn to the Scottish Rite for the programme of the evening.

An outstanding feature of these "Nights" has always been the high calibre of men who grace our Head Table as guests and who reply to The Toast to the Immortal Memory.

The late R. Wor. Bro. James Baird was, for many years, the force behind these annual affairs and as Chairman of the General Committee had always done a most commendable job.

We would be remiss in discussing Burns' Night if we failed to mention the entertainment provided for these occasions. The fine professional soloists who provide us with outstanding programmes of Scottish selections, and sing the traditional "Star O' Rabbie Burns," have been

retained for many years through the good offices of V. Wor. Bro. John McConnachie, who seems to have unending connections in the entertainment world.

There have been many occasions when from three to four hundred Masons have gathered to enjoy the "Supper," with the traditional Haggis, piped in by the Lodge Pipers, and addressed in the words of the Poet. For many years, this important part of the programme has been performed in a most dramatic manner by Wor. Bro. Joe Neill.

CHAPTER THREE

THE DECADE OF DEPRESSION AND WAR

The next decade in the life of St. Andrew's was one of poverty, turmoil and a war which was to change forever the life patterns of the individual, the nation and the world. As it began in 1935 we were still deep in the depression and within the next few years Hitler and his Nazis came into power in Germany, and in 1939 the most devastating world war in the history of mankind erupted and was to lay waste the greater part of Europe and many of the countries of the Mediterranean and the Pacific. When it finally ended, after six long and horrible years, in 1945, most of the nations of the world were completely drained of manpower and resources, and the world as we had known it was gone forever.

The year 1935 was unique in St. Andrew's Lodge as during the second half of his term of office as District Deputy Grand Master, R. Wor. Bro. James Baird's son, Oliver Baird, was Master of the Lodge. On the occasion of R. Wor. Bro. Baird's Official Visit to his Lodge, we had as guests Wor. Bro. C. V. Thompson, Worshipful Master of Tuscan Lodge, No. 551, and Wor. Bro. David Gouer, the Worshipful Master of Copestone Lodge, No. 373, Welland, Ontario, together with their Officers, Past Masters and a large number of brethren, who were in attendance to do honour to R. Wor. Bro. James Baird.

Wor. Bro. Hugh M. McIntyre, I.P.M. of Tuscan Lodge, presented on behalf of the brethren of St. Andrew's and Tuscan Lodges a set of Undress Regalia to R. Wor. Bro. Baird.

St. Andrew's was again honoured at the July Communication of Grand Lodge when Wor. Bro. Gordon A. Brown was appointed a Grand Standard Bearer.

The next few years, prior to the outbreak of the second world war, were busy and productive years for our Lodge and the brethren who occupied the Chair of King Solomon, Wor. Bro. Stewart Davidson, Wor. Bro. T. B. MacNaughton and Wor. Bro. Wm. Johnston, were outstanding in their ability to lead and inspire the Lodge to great effort.

In 1939 we were again most happy to have V. Wor. Bro. Donald Munro serve his third term as Worshipful Master.

In December, 1939, Wor. Bro. Stewart Davidson conducted the Installation and Investiture of the Officers, when Wor. Bro. George V. Bryan was installed as the Worshipful Master for the year 1940.

At the Election of Officers in November of that year, Bro. Robert Strachan was declared Master-elect for the ensuing year. Wor. Bro. Strachan was installed as Worshipful Master by R. Wor. Bro. F. W. Davidson at the Regular Meeting in December.

St. Andrew's Lodge has been especially blessed by the calibre of men who have served as Worshipful Masters, and Wor. Bro. Strachan is probably the most outstanding example of these brethren. He was followed in 1942 by another brother who has contributed in a most unselfish manner to the welfare of our Lodge, Wor. Bro. John B. McConnachie.

On June 26th, 1942, the Past Masters of the Lodge, with R. Wor. Bro. James Baird acting as Installing Master, had the privilege of installing Bro. Wm. Dobson as the Worshipful Master of Waterdown Lodge, No. 357. Wor. Bro. Dobson was initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge on March 29th, 1922. Our Lodge was also honoured when Bro. J. T. Broadbent was installed as Worshipful Master of The Barton Lodge, No. 6. Wor. Bro. Broadbent was initiated in St. Andrew's on November 7th, 1923.

The Elections were conducted in November, 1942, by R. Wor. Bro. R. W. Treleaven, at which time Bro. A. L. Burnett was declared Master-elect for 1943 and was duly installed by Wor. Bro. L. P. Robertson in December.

On November 24th, 1943, St. Andrew's Lodge was highly honoured by a visit from the Grand Master, M. Wor. Bro. T. C. Wardley. He was accompanied by the District Deputy Grand Masters, together with a large number of past and present Grand Lodge Officers. The Grand

Master presented the Regalia of his office to V. Wor. Bro. James Fram who had been appointed at the July Sessions of Grand Lodge.

In December, Wor. Bro. J. S. Drysdale installed Wor. Bro. Victor Bird as Worshipful Master.

On the occasion of the Official Visit of the D.D.G.M., R. Wor. Bro. C. W. Lewis, in November, 1944, Bro. Clyde B. Moyes was declared Master-elect for the year 1945 and was installed in December by Wor. Bro. John MacBeth.

On January 17th, 1945, our Lodge suffered an overwhelming loss in the passing of our beloved Secretary, R. Wor. Bro. Fred W. Davidson. On December 28th, 1921, R. Wor. Bro. Davidson, with a few Scots from St. Andrew's Benevolent Society, formed the nucleus of St. Andrew's Lodge and from that day until his passing his heart beat strongly for the betterment of his Lodge. He gave unstintingly of his time and talents for the service of Masonry in general and St. Andrew's Lodge in particular. A page in our Book of Remembrance will ever remain dedicated to him who served so faithfully and well in the fulfillment of his duties as Secretary of our Lodge. A Memorial Service was held for R. Wor. Bro. Frederick W. Davidson on February 28th, 1945, on which occasion many outstanding members of the Craft were present.

At the Regular Communication of Grand Lodge, held in Toronto in July, 1945, Wor. Bro. J. T. Broadbent of St. Andrew's Lodge, and a Past Master of The Barton Lodge, No. 6, was honoured by being elected District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton Masonic District "A" and served with dignity and distinction throughout his term of office.

A large delegation of Masons from Erskine Presbyterian Church attended the Regular Meeting in September headed by Wor. Bro. J. H. Stowe, a Past Master of Doric Lodge, No. 382. Those brethren occupied the various Chairs and initiated Mr. Edward Brewer Rae in a very capable manner. Bro. Rae is well known to all of our members because of his many outstanding years of service as our Chaplain.

At our November Regular Meeting, Bro. Edward M. Marshall was elected as Worshipful Master for the year 1946 and was duly installed by V. Wor. Bro. Gordon A. Brown in December.

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CHAPTER FOUR

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY — 1946

Since this was our Twenty-fifth Anniversary, an Anniversary Committee had been appointed to plan and arrange our celebration. The following brethren were members of that Committee:

Wor. Bro. John MacBeth ..... Chairman
Wor. Bro. Edward M. Marshall ..... Worshipful Master
Wor. Bro. Robert Strachan ..... Secretary
R. Wor. Bro. James Baird
V. Wor. Bro. Gordon A. Brown
Wor. Bro. John S. Drysdale
Wor. Bro. L. P. Robertson
Bro. Hugh Fergusson
Bro. Fred W. Tilley

This year, with Wor. Bro. Ed Marshall in the Chair, and because it was our Silver Anniversary, proved to be one of our most productive years. Great Masonic enthusiasm was generated among the brethren and all meetings were well attended. In token of this there were ten Regular and eleven Emergent meetings held, at which a total of seventy-six Degrees were conferred.

Of all of these meetings, the Emergent Meeting called for Saturday, December 14th, 1946, was the highlight of the year, because that was the date set for the celebration of our twenty-fifth birthday. The Committeee named above did an outstanding job in arranging this meeting and a special Summons, complete with silver covers, went out for December.

The Lodge and Banquet Rooms were filled to capacity for this special event, when large delegations from Occidental Lodge in Buffalo, N.Y., Zeta Lodge in Toronto and other Lodges in Hamilton and Ontario attended.

The Lodge was opened in the First Degree and the first order of business was the presentation, by R. Wor. Bro. J. T. Broadbent, of a group of twenty-five members representing an Initiation for each year of the Lodge's life, starting with the first candidate, Bro. Hector Munro, and including the member who presented the first petition for membership.

Presidents of the Past Masters' Association and the Masters' and Wardens' Association were presented by V. Wor. Bro. James Fram. Wor. Bro. Stewart Davidson presented the Masters of Zeta and Occidental Lodges, including Dr. C. O. Middleton, an Honorary Life Member of St. Andrew's Lodge. Past and present Grand Lodge Officers were introduced by Wor. Bro. John B. McConnachie; the original Officers of the Lodge and the Charter Members were presented by Wor. Bro. J. F. McDonald. Wor. Bro. T. B. R. Robertson introduced the District Deputy Grand Masters of Hamilton Districts "A" and "B", and the Deputy Grand Master, R. Wor. Bro. T. H. Simpson, was presented by Wor. Bro. Victor Bird.

All of these delegations were escorted into the Lodge Room to the skirl of the bagpipes.

Wor. Bro. John Drysdale gave a resumé of events leading up to the formation of St. Andrew's Lodge, followed by a solo by Bro. Joseph Scanlon.

R. Wor. Bro. James Baird made the presentation of a silk Union Jack and Wor. Bro. C. O. Middleton, on behalf of Occidental Lodge, presented the American flag.

Congratulatory Messages of Greeting on the Lodge's Silver Anniversary were received from members of St. Andrew's Lodge from Great Britain, Mexico, United States, the Province of Manitoba, and from several places in Ontario.

In the Banquet Room, our Lodge Orchestra, under the direction of Bro. Hugh Fergusson, provided an excellent programme of musical entertainment, with solos by Bro. Wm. Laing and Bro. Russel Payne.

The Toast to Grand Lodge was proposed by Wor. Bro. L. P. Robertson and responded to by the Deputy Grand Master, R. Wor. Bro. T. H. Simpson.

Wor. Bro. Wm. Johnston proposed the time-honoured Toast to the Visitors, which was responded to by two of our visiting brethren.

In January of 1946, The Clansmen introduced for the Lodge a new quarterly publication entitled "The Clansman."

This publication was intended to keep the members of the Lodge up to date, not only on the activities within the Lodge but on all other events outside of the Lodge Room, and also with news of brethren in other parts of the world. The Editor, Bro. Arthur Cooley, deserves all credit for the instant success of "The Clansman," which was enthusiastically received by all brethren.

This quarterly publication continued for nine years, with great success, when, in December of 1955, in open Lodge, the members voted to discontinue it. This was done with great regret, the main reason being that it was becoming increasingly difficult to find a member who could afford to devote his time and talents to the editing, preparation of copy and arrangements for printing. Being the official publication of The Clansmen the material it carried made for the success of this quarterly, which was sorely missed when it was discontinued.

CHAPTER FIVE

FROM 1947 TO 1970

We propose in this Chapter to cover a period of twenty-four years. To facilitate this and make for easier reading we will do so under two sub-headings:

PART ONE—1947 TO 1958

The spiritual uplifting created by the celebration of our Twenty-fifth Anniversary did a great deal to inspire St. Andrew's Lodge to greater Masonic heights, and to grow in stature, and the leadership of the following brethren did much to foster and maintain that spirit over the years:

1947—Wor. Bro. Joseph Neill
1948—Wor. Bro. A. S. Cadenhead
1949—Wor. Bro. James Fram
1950—Wor. Bro. N. J. C. Eastwood
1951—Wor. Bro. F. Tilley
1952—Wor. Bro. Alex Urquhart
1953—Wor. Bro. Matthew Fram
1954—Wor. Bro. James McMullen
1955—Wor. Bro. Fordham W. Hyder
1956—Wor. Bro. Albert Patchett
1957—Wor. Bro. Wm. Milne
1958—Wor. Bro. J. S. W. Hayworth

1947 —

On December 27th, 1946, in an impressive ceremony, and in the presence of large delegations from St. Paul's and Calvin Presbyterian Churches, and the Roselawn Bowling Club, Wor. Bro. James F. McDonald duly installed Wor. Bro. Joseph Neill as the Worshipful

Master for 1947. This occasion was also unique in that this was the birthday of our new Worshipful Master, and this was fully recognized by all of the brethren present.

During the annual fraternal visit of Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto, Wor. Bro. William Blackwell made a presentation to St. Andrew's of a silver plate, suitably inscribed, for our use in the North-East Angle. This silver plate was in continual use by our Office until it was lost in the fire when our James Street Temple was destroyed in 1967.

Nineteen hundred and forty-seven was a year of hardship for our brethren in the British Isles and our Grand Lodge set up a committee to send food parcels to Britain. Wor. Bro. John B. McConnachie was named as St. Andrew's Chairman for this effort and under his guidance our Lodge met all of its obligations in an exemplary manner.

1948 —

In December, Wor. Bro. A. S. Cadenhead was installed as the Worshipful Master for 1948.

At the Regular Meeting in January, 1948, Wor. Bro. James F. McDonald presented to the Lodge a silver-mounted Baton for use by our Junior and Senior Wardens. This Baton had been presented to Wor. Bro. McDonald's father in Scotland in the year 1892. The late Bro. John McDonald was an esteemed and valued member of St. Andrew's Lodge and was the Founder and Director of our Lodge Glee Club. He had used the Baton in conducting the choral numbers sung by this group. The Baton was suitably inscribed and is the one still used by our Wardens.

During the Annual Communications of Grand Lodge in July, 1948, our Lodge was honoured when two of our Past Masters were awarded Grand Lodge Honours. Wor. Bro. L. P. Robertson was appointed a Grand Steward and our esteemed Secretary, Wor. Bro. Robert Strachan, was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary.

1949 —

The year 1949 was marked by several changes in our list of Officers, brought about, unfortunately, by illness and business transfers. Our most severe loss was the resignation of our Worshipful Master, who had served with dignity during the first six months of his term, but in September had to tender his resignation when his company transferred

him to Australia. Wor. Bro. James Fram, Jr., was sorely missed and the good wishes of all our members went with him and his family on their move to a new country.

Our Immediate Past Master, Wor. Bro. A. S. Cadenhead, returned to the office of Worshipful Master for the remainder of the year and was again untiring in his efforts for the good and welfare of our Lodge.

At the July Sessions of Grand Lodge we were again honoured by the unanimous election of Wor. Bro. Stewart Davidson to the office of District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton District "B". Our D.D.G.M. was ably assisted in his duties and visitations by Wor. Bro. James F. McDonald as District Secretary, Wor. Bro. T. B. MacNaughton, District Chaplain, and Wor. Bro. William Johnston as Chairman of Masonic Education. Also, a large delegation of members, Officers and Past Masters accompanied him on all of his Official Visits.

On the evening of October 29th, 1949, a number of our brethren attended the Constitution and Consecration of St. Andrew's Lodge in St. Catharines. On this occasion R. Wor. Bro. James Baird, on our behalf, presented an Altar Bible to the new Lodge. V. Wor. Bro. James Thompson, the Worshipful Master, graciously accepted for his Lodge and said that the Bible would serve as a reminder of the friendship and brotherhood that existed between our two namesake Lodges.

1950 —

Under the capable leadership of Wor. Bro. N. J. C. Eastwood, the year 1950 was another page in the success of St. Andrew's Lodge. At the Regular Meeting in March, R. Wor. Bro. James Baird invested the Officers with their new Regalia. That used up to this time was the original Lodge Regalia.

Wor. Bro. T. B. MacNaughton continued his invaluable service to his Lodge when he arranged for the first Annual Divine Service to be held on Sunday, April 30th, in St. John Presbyterian Church. This was a new venture and all credit belongs to Wor. Bro. MacNaughton for its success.

At the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge we were again honoured when Wor. Bro. James F. McDonald was appointed a Grand Steward. This was an honour well merited by his years of faithful service to his Lodge and to Masonry in general.

1951 —

The first Regular Meeting of each year and the annual salute to Scotland's National Bard are synonymous with St. Andrew's Lodge. This year, 1951, marked a milestone in the history of our "Burns' Night." Over th e years the Banquet Hall in the Masonic Hall on James St. North had become inadequate for the numbers who wished to attend. Thus, for the first time, under Wor. Bro. Fred Tilley, our annual recognition of the Poet moved from the Masonic Hall to the large Banquet Hall at the Scottish Rite. Even here, with increased accommodation, the hall was taxed to capacity with our members and their Masonic guests. Our old friend, Bro. Very Reverend Doctor Beverly Ketchen, who had been our guest speaker in 1922, brought to life again the colour and romance of Scotland's favourite son. Our St. Andrew's Orchestra, under the direction of Bro. Hugh Fergusson, added greatly to the enjoyment of a very successful evening.

In October, during the visit of our brethren from Occidental Lodge in Buffalo, St. Andrew's paid tribute to a man who has contributed far beyond words to the good and welfare of our Lodge in the person of Bro. Hugh Fergusson. Bro. Hugh was a Charter Member and our first Senior Deacon. In those early days it was decided to form an orchestra and Bro. Fergusson undertook this task. Because of the time and work entailed, he resigned from office so that he could devote his entire time to the development of the orchestra. Our older members recall with a great deal of pride his outstanding efforts and the enthusiasm with which the orchestra was received.

After twenty-nine years as the Director of St. Andrew's Orchestra, it was fitting that recognition be made of his tremendous contributions. On behalf of his brethren, R. Wor. Bro. James Baird, in words suitable for the occasion, presented a walnut writing desk to Bro. Hugh Fergusson.

1952 —

As the years pass, the popularity of St. Andrew's Burns' Night seems to increase; as witness the fact that in this year, under Wor. Bro. Alex Urquhart, there were 468 Masons present and every Lodge in the two Hamilton Districts was represented, with a good representation also from the Niagara Peninsula.

At an Emergent Meeting in May, Bro. Frank Couerd, who is well known for his many years of faithful service as our Tyler, was initiated into the Mysteries and Privileges of Ancient Freemasonry.

The October meeting was highlighted by the annual fraternal visit of our brethren from Buffalo, New York, headed by Worshipful Kenneth Campbell Dailey, who at a later date became one of our distinguished Past Masters.

This meeting was also notable in that Bro. Norman Jackson Campbell was raised to the Sublime Degree. Bro. Norman was to distinguish himself as our Worshipful Master in 1961.

1953 —

In December, the Installing Board, headed by Wor. Bro. George V. Bryan, in an impressive ceremony, installed Wor. Bro. Matt R. Fram for the year 1953.

Our Annual Ladies' Night, like Burns' Night, seems to grow in favour with increased numbers attending each year. This is truly the social highlight of our season and apparently thoroughly enjoyed by our Ladies.

An interesting note appeared in our Annual Report for 1953 about this important event and in a few words this note said it all: "The skirl o' the Pipes, the whirl o' the Dance, the presence o' our lovely Guests, need more be said?"

In April, our Lodge was honoured when one of our Past Masters, R. Wor. Bro. J. T. Broadbent, was elected Grand Superintendent of District No. 5, Royal Arch Masons.

One of the great features of Masonry is the open-hearted friendship among all brethren, particularly when, as a Lodge, we journey to meet with our brothers in other Lodges. The long relationship with our American brethren of Occidental Lodge in Buffalo, and with Zeta Lodge in Toronto, are witness to this fact. Who can tell how many deep and lasting friendships have developed over the years among the members of our various Lodges, and who can tell how many more will develop as these fraternal visits continue in the years ahead? Although the visits between St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 661, in St. Catharines and ourselves have dropped off in recent years, there are many happy

memories of visits between us, and once more, in 1953, we travelled to St. Catharines and with Wor. Bro. Matt Fram in the Chair our Officers conferred a First Degree.

1954 —

With our Secretary, R. Wor. Bro. Robert Strachan, acting as Installing Master, Wor. Bro. James McMullen was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months.

It is interesting to note from the Minutes of this year, that even then, the Craft in Hamilton were devoting time and thought to the problem of a new Masonic Temple. No one at that time had any idea that in about thirteen years we would lose our home on James Street to a disastrous fire, nor that the fire would deprive us of our Temple before we were ready or able to build a new one. Yet, the people concerned were investigating ways and means of carrying out one of two proposed projects. First, the possibility of renovating the James Street property and installing an elevator, or second, methods by which a new building could be financed and maintained.

These were important decisions and, added to the normal business of the Lodge, made for a very busy year for Wor. Bro. McMullen.

1955 —

With Wor. Bro. Fordham W. Hyder in the Chair of King Solomon, the important event of 1955 was the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. This page in the history of our Grand Lodge was to be marked at the Annual Communication on July 17th, 18th and 19th. As our Lodge's contribution to this remembrance, a special train from Hamilton to Toronto and return was arranged by our Officers for Hamilton Masons and their families, so that they could attend the 100th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service which was held on the grounds of the Canadian National Exhibition.

At the Regular Meeting in September we were honoured when a group of our 1921-1922 members were introduced, headed by R. Wor. Bro. James Baird. R. Wor. Bro. Baird assumed the Chair and the regular Officers vacated their chairs in favour of a Degree team composed of these early members of St. Andrew's Lodge, who conferred an impressive First Degree.

In December a motion to discontinue the publication of "The Clansman" was passed in open Lodge. This was done with regret because "The Clansman" had been published quarterly, regularly, since our Twenty-fifth Anniversary year and had fulfilled a very useful purpose in the life of our Lodge.

1956 —

At the Regular Meeting in October of this year, with Wor. Bro. Albert Patchett as our Worshipful Master, the delegation from Occidental Lodge, No. 766, Buffalo, New York, was headed by Right Worshipful K. C. Dailey, D.D.G.M. of the Second Erie District. On this occasion also, M. Wor. Bro. T. H. Simpson, Past Grand Master, presented the Fifty Year Veteran's Jubilee Medal to R. Wor. Bro. James Baird.

M. Wor. Bro. Simpson referred to R. Wor. Bro. Baird's outstanding Masonic record which is listed below:

1906—September 5th, initiated in Royal Arch Lodge S.C., in Maybole, Scotland, Passed, October 8th, and Raised October 17th.

1912—Arrived in Hamilton, Canada.

1915—May 15th Affiliated with Electric Lodge, No. 495.

1919—Became a Charter Member of Tuscan Lodge, No. 551.

1921—Charter Member of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 593 (first Inner Guard).

1922—Initiated into Murton Lodge of Perfection.

1923—Initiated into the Hamilton Chapter of Rose Croix.

1925—Initiated into Moore Sovereign Consistory.

1927—Worshipful Master of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 593.

1932—Initiated into Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Royal Arch Masons.

1934-35—District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton Masonic District "B".

1941—Initiated into Rameses Temple.

1943—Elected First Principal of Hiram Chapter.

1949—Appointed Grand Master of the Fourth Veil by the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

On behalf of the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, R. Wor. Bro. Stewart Davidson made a suitable presentation to R. Wor. Bro. Baird.

1957 —

On December 26th, 1956, the Installing Board, headed by Wor. Bro. Victor Bird, installed Wor. Bro. William Milne as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months.

During Wor. Bro. Milne's year, three brethren who were destined to become Worshipful Masters of our Lodge, Bro. Joseph W. Elder by Affiliation and Bros. James C. Kneebone and Hugh Campbell by Initiation were admitted.

One of the highlights of Wor. Bro. Milne's year was the Lodge of Instruction, under the sponsorship of the Masters' and Wardens' Association, held in St. Andrew's Lodge on the evening of April 12th, 1957. On this occasion the Lodge Room was filled to capacity, 292 brethren being in attendance. Various parts of the Third Degree were exemplified and explained, and from the enthusiastic reception this was one of the finest meetings of its kind held in our Lodge.

1958 —

On December 30th, 1957, the Installing Board was headed by Wor. Bro. E. M. Marshall who, in a capable and impressive manner, installed Wor. Bro. John S. W. Hayworth as Worshipful Master for 1958. Wor. Bro. William Milne was pleased to extend a warm welcome to a large delegation from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, who were present to honour our newly-installed Worshipful Master.

Our Annual Past Masters' Night was held on October 22nd with Wor. Bro. F. W. Tilley heading the Degree Team of our Past Masters. Wor. Bro. Hayworth was pleased to welcome a delegation from Occidental Lodge, No. 766, from Buffalo, N.Y., headed by their Senior Warden, Bro. James Sara, who were present to honour Wor. Bro. John B. McConnachie.

On behalf of his brethren in the Lodge, R. Wor. Bro. Robert Strachan presented the Regalia of a Grand Steward to V. Wor. Bro. John McConnachie referring to his invaluable service to St. Andrew's Lodge and to Masonry in general. V. Wor. Bro. McConnachie expressed his gratitude for this honour bestowed on him by Grand Lodge.

PART TWO—1959 TO 1970

The twelve-year span covered by this Part Two of Chapter Five were again happy and prosperous years for our Lodge. Under the leadership of the following brethren we continued to enjoy the blessings of Masonry through Brotherhood and Good Fellowship:

1959—Wor. Bro. C. V. Elliott, Jr.
1960—Wor. Bro. J. I. Carrick
1961—Wor. Bro. N. J. Campbell
1962—Wor. Bro. D. J. Millar
1963—Wor. Bro. Wm. Baillie
1964—Wor. Bro. H. Campbell
1965—Wor. Bro. J. C. Kneebone
1966—Wor. Bro. J. E. Raby
1967—Wor. Bro. J. W. Elder
1968—Wor. Bro. A. Davidson
1969—Wor. Bro. W. B. Sixsmith
1970—Wor. Bro. N. E. Fair

The continuing story of St. Andrew's Lodge is one of participation, not only by the Officers of the Lodge, but by many of our members. It is also one of visitation; to us by groups of Masons from other Lodges, and from some of the companies with whom our members work; and by our Officers, Past Masters and members of other Lodges.

We have also been fortunate in the fact that Degree Teams from organizations such as the Hamilton Police Department and Fire Department have many times entered the portals of our Lodge.

1959 —

On the occasion of the Installation of Wor. Bro. Vern Elliott as Worshipful Master for 1959, we were honoured by a large delegation of Masons from the Police Department.

Our Burns' Night Celebration in this year had a special significance, since it was the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Scotland's Bard. A special programme had been arranged and for the occasion 394 Masons were in attendance, each of whom received a commemorative bronze medallion. This was one of the largest groups to attend this very popular annual observance.

Wor. Bro. Elliott's year was also marked as the year in which three of our brethren of Occidental Lodge, No. 766, Buffalo, N.Y., were received into St. Andrew's as Honorary Life Members. These brethren were R. Wor. Bro. Kenneth C. Dailey, Wor. Bro. Roy McKay and Wor. Bro. Clark Utz. We were privileged and happy to receive these worthy brethren.

It is interesting to note that at various times through the years the matter of a new Masonic Temple crops up in the regular business of the Lodge. During this year the question was to build on property adjacent to the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Although nothing was done about financing this project, the fact was that interest among the Hamilton brethren was increasing.

At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge in May, Wor. Bro. C. V. Elliott expressed the congratulations of the Lodge to Wor. Bro. E. M. Marshall on his appointment to Office in the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

1960 —

On December 23rd, 1959, Wor. Bro. N. J. C. Eastwood, who was the Installing Master, extended a very cordial welcome to a large delegation from Westdale United Church and Dominion Foundries and Steel who were present to honour our new Worshipful Master for the year 1960, Wor. Bro. John I. Carrick.

The feature of our 1960 Annual Burns' Night was the fact that our Worshipful Master and his Officers were attired in the Kilt. Again an exceptionally large number of Masons attended.

During Wor. Bro. Carrick's term of office, one of the largest undertakings was the complete amendment of the By-laws of St. Andrew's Lodge. This was a gigantic task and one which was important to the well-being of our Lodge.

Also, during Wor. Bro. Carrick's year, our Lodge selected a suitable oil painting with an inscribed brass plaque, which was presented to Grand Lodge, to grace the wall of the Grand Master's office in the new Grand Lodge Memorial Building.

1961 —

R. Wor. Bro. James Baird, a Charter Member and our first Inner Guard, was the Installing Master in December, 1960, and, together with his Installing Board of Past Masters, he was introduced by Bro. Norman J. Campbell.

In his usual efficient manner, he installed Wor. Bro. Norman Campbell as Worshipful Master for 1961, and invested the Officers of the Lodge.

Early in 1961 a motion was passed in Lodge to donate $350.00 to the Grand Lodge Memorial Building Fund.

At our April Communication, Wor. Bro. C. V. Elliott introduced R. Wor. Bro. Hazelwood, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, who attended to make the presentation of a Fifty Year Jubilee Medal to one of our esteemed Past Masters, Wor. Bro. John G. Sands.

During the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in July, Wor. Bro. T. B. MacNaughton was appointed a Grand Steward, and, at the September meeting, the congratulations of the Lodge were passed on to V. Wor. Bro. Tom MacNaughton on this very well deserved honour. Even without the experience of going through the various Chairs in the Lodge, if one were to read our Minute Books, it is easy to follow a definite thread down through the years in the care and visitation of our sick brethren, a thread maintained through the supreme efforts of V. Wor. Bro. Thomas B. MacNaughton. For many years he acted as Honorary Chairman of the Sick Visitation Committee.

It would be interesting to know how many miles he has logged on his bicycle as he travelled all over our city to make his visits, and always with some Life Savers or some other small treat for our shut-ins, at his own expense. In addition to this visitation, he made great efforts to see that the current Chairman of this Committee was kept up-to-date on who was sick and who had passed away. When one has spent a year as Chairman of the Sick Visitation Committee he cannot help but become fully aware of V. Wor. Bro. Tom's invaluable contributions to his Lodge, and it goes without saying that the many brethren he visited, and brought cheer to, will remember him as one of the most dedicated and sincere Masons who ever touched their lives.

In addition to his services on this Committee, he is also the Past Master who is directly responsible for the beginning of St. Andrew's Lodge Annual Church Service and he takes a keen interest in seeing that this Annual Divine Service is continued.

1962 —

At our Regular Meeting in December, 1961, the Lodge was honoured by the attendance of the Officers of The Moore Sovereign Consistory of the Scottish Rite, headed by Bro. Fred Veale, Commander in Chief, who were present to honour our Master-elect, Bro. David J. Miller, on his Installation. Wor. Bro. Alex Urquhart was the Installing Master and performed the ceremonies in an exemplary manner.

During the Regular Meeting in March, 1962, the annual visit by our brethren from Occidental Lodge, Worshipful Master Louis E. Lanternier presented a new set of Colours, composed of the new American flag, with fifty stars, and a new Union Jack. Wor. Bro. Miller graciously accepted this fine gift on behalf of his brethren of St. Andrew's.

1963 —

In December, 1962, Bro. Wm. Bailie, the Master-elect, introduced the Installing Board, headed on this occasion by Wor. Bro. James McMullen. In the usual high standard of our Past Masters, Wor. Bro. Wm. Bailie was installed in the Chair of King Solomon and the Officers of the Lodge duly invested.

On October 23rd, 1963, Wor. Bro. Wm. Bailie and the brethren of St. Andrew's were pleased and honoured to have the privilege of welcoming M. Wor. Bro. R. W. Treleaven, Immediate Past Grand Master, and M. Wor. Bro. E. G. Dixon, Grand Secretary. They were presented by Wor. Bro. N. J. Campbell, Director of Ceremonies, and received by Wor. Bro. Wm. Bailie in a fitting manner. These two distinguished brethren were in attendance for a specific reason. At the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, our Secretary, R. Wor. Bro. Robert Strachan, was honoured by being appointed Honorary Grand Senior Warden. On this occasion, M. Wor. Bro. Treleaven presented to R. Wor. Bro. Strachan the Regalia of a Grand Senior Warden, and what made the occasion more memorable was the fact that the Regalia presented was that which had been presented to M. Wor. Bro. Irvine, the Grand Master, several years before.

Following this presentation, M. Wor. Bro. Dixon, on behalf of the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, presented a set of Undress Regalia to R. Wor. Bro. Strachan and made reference to the splendid work done by our Secretary in his Lodge, and as Secretary of the Past Masters' Association, as well as Chairman of the Scrutineers Committee of Grand Lodge.

1964 —

At our Regular Communication in November, R. Wor. Bro. James Baird conducted the Annual Elections and declared Bro. Hugh Campbell Master-elect for the year 1964.

On December 30th, the Installing Board, headed by Wor. Bro. F. W. Hyder, duly installed Wor. Bro. Hugh Campbell as the Worshipful Master and invested the elected and appointed Officers of the Lodge in the tradition of St. Andrew's Past Masters.

During the Regular Communication in June the Worshipful Master was pleased to welcome V. Wor. Bro. Gordon A. Brown, who was our first Junior Steward and one of our distinguished Past Masters, who also served St. Andrew's for many years as our Treasurer. V. Wor. Bro. Brown was here on a visit from San Antonio, Texas.

All of the members of our Lodge were saddened and shocked during the summer call-off when word was received that our Immediate Past Master, Wor. Bro. Wm. Bailie, had passed away suddenly while on a holiday in Western Canada. Wor. Bro. Bill Bailie was a most sincere and dedicated Mason and served his Lodge well as an Officer and as our Worshipful Master in 1963. His presence was sorely missed when we resumed our meetings in September.

At our September meeting, the congratulations of the Lodge were extended to Wor. Bro. D. J. Miller who had been Coronated an Honorary Inspector General, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Canada.

1965 —

On December 23rd, 1964, with Wor. Bro. J. S. W. Hayworth as Installing Master, Wor. Bro. James Conway Kneebone was installed as Worshipful Master for 1965.

The Regular Communication in April was a special "Presbyterian Night." Bro. J. W. Elder, Senior Deacon, introduced delegations from Brantford, St. Enoch's and St. Cuthbert's Presbyterian Churches. These delegations were headed by Bro. Hector D. Munro, from Brantford, who was the first candidate initiated into St. Andrew's Lodge.

Our Director of Ceremonies, Bro. David J. Miller, then introduced R. Wor. Bro. Rev. A. K. Campbell, Grand Chaplain, and a Degree Team composed of Ministers and Elders, and a large delegation of other Ministers, Elders and friends of the candidate, Rev. George Malcolm.

The Grand Chaplain and his Degree Team conferred a very impressive First Degree.

Wor. Bro. Hugh Campbell, on behalf of his brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, made the presentation of a suitably inscribed silver tray to Bro. Robert Sneddon in token of his many years of faithful service and assistance to his Lodge. Bro. Sneddon expressed his appreciation and gratitude for the fine gift.

Our Regular Meeting in June was of a very special nature. Following the business of the Lodge the rest of the evening was devoted to the discussion of plans for our new Masonic Temple. Although there had been discussions of a new Temple for many years, this was the first concrete proposal to be submitted. Wor. Bros. F. W. Hyder and J. I. Carrick made an excellent presentation of the plans submitted by the Building Committee.

At the Regular Communication of Grand Lodge in July, Wor. Bro. F. W. Hyder was duly elected as District Deputy Grand Master for Hamilton Masonic District "B". R. Wor. Bro. Hyder made the following appointments of St. Andrew's brethren to assist him in his duties for the ensuing year: District Secretary, Wor. Bro. John I. Carrick; Chaplain, Bro. Rev. Malcolm Johnston; Assistant Chaplain, Wor. Bro. Hugh Campbell; Chairman of Masonic Education, Wor. Bro. Norman J. Campbell; Chairman of the District Blood Donors Committee, Wor. Bro. John S. W. Hayworth.

At the September meeting, R. Wor. Bro. F. W. Hyder and Wor. Bro. J. I. Carrick made a further presentation of the proposed new Masonic Temple, complete with coloured slides, showing the interior and exterior as presently proposed.

1966 —

For our Installation Ceremonies in December, Director of Ceremonies D. J. Miller presented the Installing Board, headed once again by R. Wor. Bro. James Baird, who, in his usual impressive manner, proceeded with the Installation of Bro. Jack Raby as Worshipful Master for the year 1966, and the Investiture of his Officers.

The Regular Communication in March, 1966, being the occasion of the Annual Inspection of the Lodge by the District Deputy Grand Master, and the D.D.G.M. being one of our distinguished Past Masters, he decided that an Inspection was unnecessary, and, in lieu thereof, he decreed that the meeting would be a Masonic Education evening for both Hamilton Districts. Wor. Bro. D. J. Miller, Acting Director of Ceremonies, introduced the District Officers for Hamilton District "B" and the Chairman of Masonic Education for Hamilton District "A", R. Wor. Bro. W. L. Somerville. Also introduced at this time was Wor. Bro. C. Robinson, Secretary of the New Masonic Temple Building Committee.

Wor. Bro. Hugh Campbell, Director of Ceremonies, introduced the District Deputy Grand Masters of Hamilton Districts "A" and "B", R. Wor. Bro. Harold Grove and R. Wor. Bro. Fordham W. Hyder. R. Wor. Bro. Hyder expressed his appreciation for the welcome extended to him and the thanks of Mrs. Hyder for the flowers sent to her for the occasion. He then turned the meeting over to R. Wor. Bro. W. L. Somerville, Chairman of Masonic Education for Hamilton District "A".

The various speakers, Wor. Bro. E. R. Seager, of Corinthian Lodge, No. 513, R. Wor. Bro. J. Ashton Turner, of Wardrope Lodge, No. 555, and Wor. Bro. L. C. Collins, of Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, were introduced by R. Wor. Bro. Somerville and Wor. Bro. N. J. Campbell of St. Andrew's Lodge, Chairman of Masonic Education for Hamilton District "B". Both R. Wor. Bro. Somerville and Wor. Bro. Campbell also took part in the meeting.

R. Wor. Bro. Hyder then gave a short talk on "St. Andrew's Lodge" and expressed his appreciation to Wor. Bro. J. S. W. Hayworth for his assistance in preparing this historical sketch.

On behalf of his brethren of the Lodge, R. Wor. Bro. Stewart Davidson presented the Undress Regalia of his office to R. Wor. Bro. Hyder, for which our D.D.G.M. expressed his thanks to the Lodge.

The Regular Communication of our Lodge in September was another very special occasion, the anniversary of sixty years of Masonry by R. Wor. Bro. James Baird. Wor. Bro. Hugh Campbell, Director of Ceremonies, introduced large delegations of brethren from Tuscan Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 551, G.R.C.; Hiram Chapter, No. 2, R.A.M.; and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, headed respectively by Wor. Bro. G. E. Young, Worshipful Master of Tuscan Lodge, Bro. John Batten, First Principal of Hiram Chapter, and Bro. M. K. Heddle from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. They were welcomed by Wor. Bro. Jack Raby and following Grand Honours the heads of the delegations and the Illustrious Brethren accompanying them were invited to the East.

Being led into the Lodge by the skirl o' the Pipes, Wor. Bro. Hugh Campbell, D. of C., now introduced our honoured and revered Past Master, R. Wor. Bro. James Baird, who was celebrating his 87th birthday and 60 years membership in the Craft. He received a most warm and cordial welcome from the Worshipful Master. Wor. Bro. Jack Raby then called upon R. Wor. Bro. B. W. Hopkins, a retired city magistrate and a Past District Deputy Grand Master of District "B", to make the presentation of his Sixty Year Pin to R. Wor. Bro. James Baird. In accepting the Pin, R. Wor. Bro. Baird thanked R. Wor. Bro. Hopkins and spoke of the many pleasant memories he had of their association.

V. Wor. Bro. J. Clegg, a personal friend, spoke on behalf of Tuscan Lodge and Bro. Ralph Cox on behalf of Hiram Chapter. Wor. Bro. David J. Miller, a Past Master of St. Andrew's Lodge and presently Commander-in-Chief of Moore Sovereign Consistory, Scottish Rite, also paid tribute.

V. Wor. Bro. Dick Wallace then reminisced about his early associations with R. Wor. Bro. Baird and of the fact that he had been a tower of strength to St. Andrew's Lodge since its institution. Our Secretary, R. Wor. Bro. Robert Strachan, extended his congratulations and best wishes and read the two following communications:

From. R. Wor. Bro. Baird's Mother Lodge, Maybole, No. 198, S.C.: "Congratulations, Bro. Baird, on the Presentation for Sixty Years Service to Freemasonry."

From M. Wor. Bro. E. G. Dixon, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario: "I am very sorry indeed, that because of a Special Communication of Grand Lodge to dedicate the new Preston-Hespeler Temple, I will not be present on September 28th, when R. Wor. Bro. James Baird is to receive his Sixty Year Lapel Button. He has had a very proud and most enviable record of Masonic service and, despite his advanced years, his zeal and attachment to the Craft has never waned. I join with all the members present on September 28th in extending heartiest congratulations and very best wishes to R. Wor. Bro. Baird. May the Great Architect continue to pour down upon him His richest blessings."

On behalf of the Lodge, R. Wor. Bro. Stewart Davidson presented a suitable gift to R. Wor. Bro. Baird in token of our appreciation for his many years of faithful service.

Elsewhere in this record is a complete list of our esteemed brother's record in Masonry, but as the historian who is setting down these records, I feel we would be amiss were we not to make mention of Jim Baird's enthusiasm, inspiration and great assistance when we first began to compile this History. The many telephone calls, visits with him in his home, his noting down interesting anecdotes, and general assistance have been invaluable to us.

Before the Lodge closed on this memorable occasion, Wor. Bro. J. E. Raby congratulated our Secretary, R. Wor. Bro. Strachan, on the honour bestowed upon him when he was Coronated an Honorary Inspector General, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Dominion of Canada, at the recent Annual Communication held in Niagara Falls, Ontario. R. Wor. Bro. Strachan expressed his thanks to the Lodge and also thanked the Worshipful Master for the telegram he received while in Niagara Falls on behalf of the Lodge.

During Past Masters' Night, at the Regular Meeting in October, R. Wor. Bro. F. W. Hyder made the presentation, on behalf of the Lodge, to V. Wor. Bro. J. I. Carrick, of the Regalia of his Grand Lodge Office, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. V. Wor. Bro. John Carrick, in accepting, referred to the honour of serving as District Secretary and of representing St. Andrew's Lodge in that capacity.

The Regalia of Grand Standard Bearer was presented to V. Wor. Bro. Wm. Johnston by Wor. Bro. J. G. Sands, who made reference to

the work done by V. Wor. Bro. Johnston in our Lodge and in the Hamilton Past Masters' Association.

V. Wor. Bro. Wm. Johnston expressed his thanks to Wor. Bro. Sands and to the Lodge.

1967 —

V. Wor. Bro. John B. McConnachie conducted the Annual Elections and declared Bro. Joseph W. Elder Master-elect for the year 1967.

In December, Bro. J. W. Elder, Senior Warden and Master-elect, introduced R. Wor. Bro. Stewart Davidson and his Installing Board of Past Masters. After receiving Grand Honours, R. Wor. Bro. Davidson proceeded with the Installation of Wor. Bro. Joseph W. Elder and the Investiture of the several Officers of the Lodge. A large delegation of brethren from St. Enoch's Presbyterian Church and Dominion Foundries & Steel Company were present to honour our new Worshipful Master.

At the Regular Communication of the Lodge in April, the congratulations of all the brethren of St. Andrew's were extended to Wor. Bro. E. M. Marshall on his election as Grand Registrar of the Royal Arch Masons for the Dominion of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

During the year there were many reports from the Masonic Hall Building Committee and from the Building Finance Committee on progress being made toward the erection of our new Masonic Temple.

In November of 1967, Wor. Bro. J. S. W. Hayworth assumed the Chair and conducted the Election of Officers for the ensuing year. Having received the majority of ballots cast, Wor. Bro. Hayworth declared Bro. Andrew Davidson duly elected as Worshipful Master for the year 1968.

1968 —

At our Regular Communication in December, 1967, Director of Ceremonies Wor. Bro. James C. Kneebone introduced the Installing Board, composed of the Past Masters of the Lodge and headed by V. Wor. Bro. T. B. MacNaughton. Having been properly received, V. Wor. Bro. MacNaughton proceeded with the Installation of Wor. Bro. Andrew Davidson and the Investiture of the Officers of the Lodge.

The year 1968 was a year of some progress towards the realization of our plans for a new Masonic Temple. With this in mind, the old Masonic Hall, after almost 100 years of continuous use by Masons of Hamilton, was sold and purchased by the City. Financial campaigns were under way and arrangements were being completed for the purchase of property on York Street at the corner of Hess Street, where we hoped to erect our new Temple.

Now—Tragedy struck!

On the evening of September 20th, 1968, fire broke out in our old building. Hamilton's Fire Department were out in full force, and under Fire Chief Swanborough they battled strongly to save the building, but it was not to be. Large crowds gathered on James Street to watch the spectacular blaze and in the crowds were very many Masons with fond memories of events in the Lodge Halls and Banquet Room. With tears in their eyes they watched what seemed to be the end of an era and the end of a fine old building which had given much of value and service to our city and community.

Wor. Bro. Andy Davidson and his wife deserve much commendation, for when the ashes had cooled they were able to salvage some of our property, which they took home and did everything in their power to renew and make useable once more.

The great tragedy, however, was the fact that now sixteen Masonic Lodges and the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons were homeless. Many generous offers were received and eventually all of the Lodges and Chapters were accommodated in the various smaller Temples around the area.

Thus, St. Andrew's Lodge found its home in the Temple of Valley Lodge in Dundas. This created some difficulties in transportation, but our Transportation Committee rallied to the cause and many arrangements were made for the transportation of members from all over the city to Dundas. However, because of the fire, for the first time in our history, our Regular and Emergent Meetings for September were cancelled.

At our Regular Communication in October, a letter from the Grand Secretary was read, advising us that Dominion Regalia Ltd. had made the following offer. Realizing that the Lodges which met in the James Street Temple may have suffered the loss of, or damage to their Regalia

and other equipment, the president of this company generously offered to replace, free of charge, the Altar Bible with Markers and Square and Compass, and that they would repair or replace damaged Regalia at discount prices for all Lodges which needed this service.

Thus, on December 30th, 1968, ended a very eventful year in our history—a year that will be remembered, and which, no doubt, will influence our future direction for many years to come.

1969 —

On that evening, Acting Director of Ceremonies Bro. W. Bruce Sixsmith introduced our Installing Board, headed on this occasion by R. Wor. Bro. Robert Strachan, who, after being suitably welcomed, proceeded with the Installation of Wor. Bro. W. Bruce Sixsmith as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months (1969) and the Investiture of the Officers of the Lodge.

At the Regular Meeting in February, Wor. Bro. Bruce Sixsmith called on Bro. Dr. John A. Johnston, who, in a very impressive ceremony, dedicated our new Regalia, purchased to replace that which was lost in the fire. This was a most impressive ceremony.

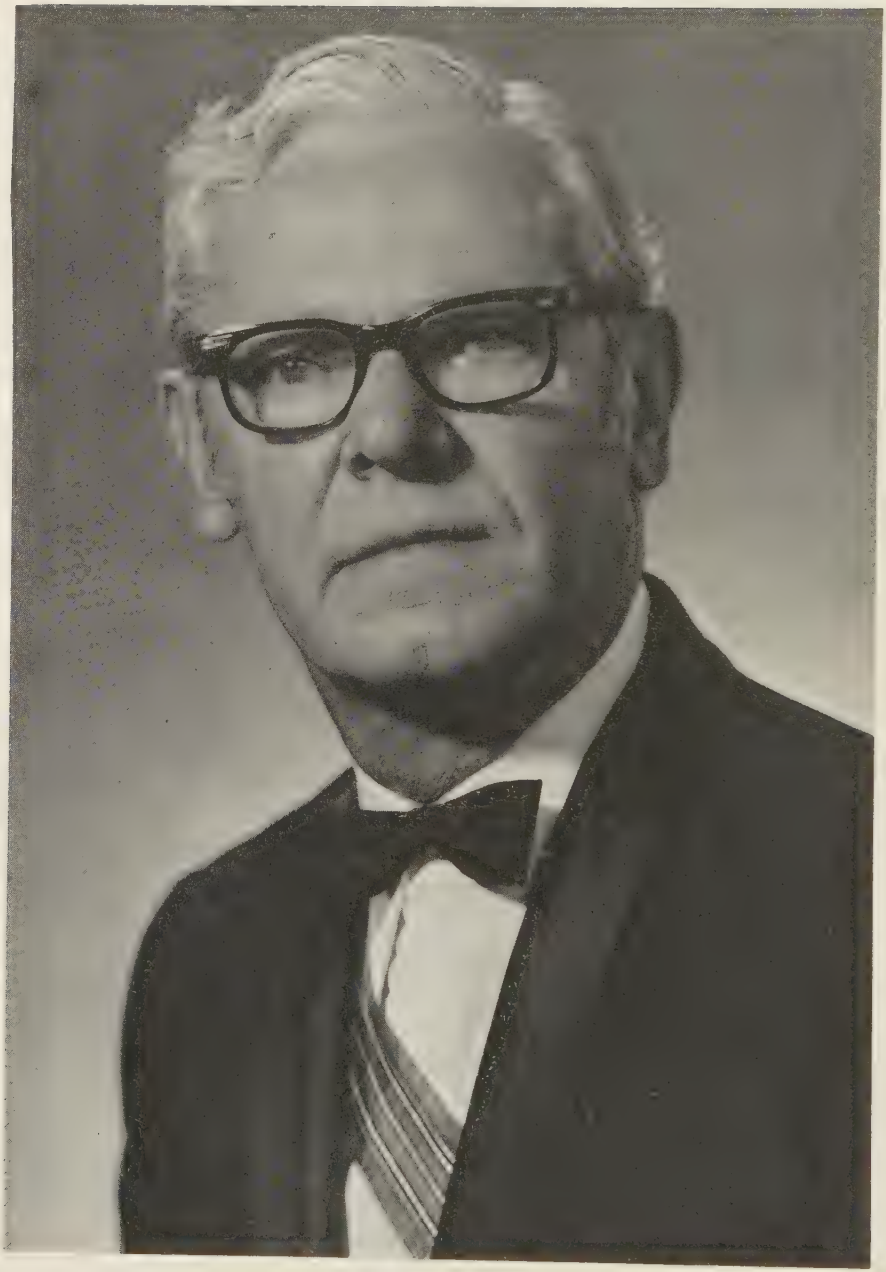
1970 —

At the Regular Communication of the Lodge on December 29th, 1969, V. Wor. Bro. John B. McConnachie, as Installing Master, assisted by the brother of our Master-elect, Wor. Bro. E. N. Fair, duly installed Wor. Bro. Norman Fair as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months.

The year 1970 can possibly be termed a year of preparation for our Lodge, because, under Wor. Bro. Norman Fair, plans were begun for the celebration of our Fiftieth Anniversary during the next year.

Great consideration was given by the Worshipful Master, his Officers and the Past Masters of the Lodge as to what form our celebrations should take, and to this end the Board of General Purposes appointed V. Wor. Bro. John I. Carrick as the General Chairman for this important event in our history.

These preparations, plus the regular work of the Lodge, made for a very busy year for Wor. Bro. Fair, but he accomplished his tasks in the tradition of our Past Masters, so that when he stepped down, he did so with the honour and dignity of a job well done.



BRO. DAVID TREHARNE JONES
Senior Warden

CHAPTER SIX

OUR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Although, by the time that Wor. Bro. Paul Wilkinson was duly installed for the year 1971, plans for our Anniversary were well in hand, as the year developed more and more arrangements had to be made and completed.

At the Grand Lodge Communications in July, St. Andrew's Lodge was greatly honoured when Wor. Bro. David J. Miller was elected as Grand Senior Warden. We were honoured, not only because of the high office, but because of the fact that, as one of our distinguished Past Masters, R. Wor. Bro. Miller truly merited this recognition by the Grand Lodge.

At the request of the Worshipful Master, V. Wor. Bro. John Carrick and his Anniversary Committee presented the following schedule of events:

October	24/71—Church Service
November	12/71—Grand Senior Warden Night
December	3/71—50th Anniversary Banquet
January	26/72—Burns' Night
February	19/72—Ladies' Night
February	23/72—Old Timers' Night
March	23/72—Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master

A programme cover and inserts were designed and approved for these events, together with the design of a special monthly notice covering the period of celebration. The decision was also made to print and produce a hard-covered edition of this History.

In addition to these special programmes, this year was also one of increased activity by the Hamilton Lodges in a strong endeavour to culminate our efforts with the erection of a suitable Hamilton Masonic Temple. Once again, because of the breakdown in our efforts to build on York Street, the site adjacent to the Scottish Rite Cathedral was being seriously considered and negotiations started with the Scottish Rite toward this end.

With all of these extra-curricular activities, Wor. Bro. Wilkinson and his Officers were exceptionally busy. Also, because our celebrations would extend into the year 1972, our Senior Warden, Bro. David T. Jones, was not only preparing for his election and installation as Worshipful Master in the new year, but for his responsibilities in conducting four of the special programmes as part of our Anniversary celebrations.

In all, this year, 1971, is a year of great activity, and the Worshipful Master, the Board of General Purposes, together with the Anniversary Committee, will extend themselves in assuring that our Fiftieth Birthday is suitably marked, and from our experiences from the Silver Anniversary we can look forward to a great burst of enthusiasm during this celebration, and, following the trend set in 1946, a fine spiritual uplift among the Masons who are members of our Lodge.

In looking back over the last fifty years of our history, it is fitting that our Anniversary celebrations should start with a Church Service, because, as a Lodge, and as individuals in that Lodge, we have a great deal to be thankful for.

The Great Architect has blessed us exceedingly in all our activities, and in the men who have led us along our Masonic path. May we always remember this and in our daily lives emulate our Founders by maintaining the remarkable records set by them. In a Fraternity such as ours, success only follows when we participate, not only in the activities of our Lodge, but in the high ideals set for us by those who have gone before.

CHAPTER SEVEN

OUR TWO SECRETARIES

Perhaps one of the most notable and outstanding features of St. Andrew's Lodge is the fact that in our fifty year life span we have had but two Secretaries. To both of these men belongs a large share of the credit for the success and the prestige of our Lodge.

It is fitting therefore that they have a prominent place in our Memoirs. To this end we have asked the two people who are perhaps most qualified to give us a brief biography of each of them.

Since we did not have the privilege of knowing our first Secretary, we discussed this with his son, R. Wor. Bro. Stewart Davidson, who suggested that the person to do this would be our present Secretary, R. Wor. Bro. Robert Strachan.

Although we have known Robert Strachan and worked with him in Lodge for a number of years, we felt that we should have someone who has known and worked with him over a long period of years, and his very good friend, V. Wor. Bro. John McConnachie, volunteered to undertake this task for us.

Herewith, therefore, we present first of all a short biography of our first Secretary, R. Wor. Bro. Frederick William Davidson, written by his long-time friend and co-worker, R. Wor. Bro. Robert Strachan. Following that, a biographical sketch of Robert Strachan by his friend, V. Wor. Bro. John B. McConnachie.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER FREDERICK WILLIAM DAVIDSON

Fred Davidson, as he was affectionately known to all of us who remember him so well, was the first Secretary of St. Andrew's Lodge and was also one of those Masons instrumental in the foundation of the Lodge.

R. WOR. BRO. F. W. DAVIDSON

Fred was born in Peterhead, Scotland, a place famous for its granite, on the 26th of November, 1877. He came to Canada as a lad of fourteen and took up residence in the City of Toronto. He entered on what was to be his life's work on April 19th, 1899, with the Grand Trunk Railway, serving with that company in Toronto until 1915, when he was transferred to Hamilton, continuing his service with the Grand Trunk which was later absorbed into the Canadian National Railways. After completing 43 years of continuous service he retired on superannuation from the position of Chief Clerk in the year 1942.

While living in Toronto he married Emily Johnston and that happy marriage was blessed with two sons, Frederick Robert Edward and Stewart. Unfortunately, the elder of these two sons, Frederick Robert Edward, passed away at the early age of 38 years. Both sons were initiated into Masonry in St. Andrew's Lodge, Fred on June 2nd, 1923, and Stewart on September 28th, 1927. From the time of his Initiation in 1927 Stewart took a keen interest in everything pertaining to the Lodge and served as Worshipful Master in the year 1936, was District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton Masonic District "B" in 1949-1950, and is still among our active Past Masters.

Our first Secretary, Frederick William Davidson, took his first regular step in Masonry on October 22nd, 1909, when he was initiated into Zeta Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 410, G.R.C., in Toronto, Ontario. He became Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1914, five years after his Initiation.

It is from this connection that the interchange of visits and the warm friendship with Zeta emanated and still continue.

Upon coming to Hamilton, Fred Davidson affiliated with Acacia Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 61, G.R.C., and was a life member of that Lodge at the time of his passing.

Fred Davidson served as Secretary of St. Andrew's Lodge from its inception on December 28th, 1921, until his death on January 17th, 1945, a period of twenty-three years, with honour and distinction, and it was largely through his efforts that the Lodge in a very short period of time became a flourishing institution.

For a period of four years prior to his death he was Secretary of the Past Masters' Association of the two Hamilton Districts. Through his

guidance in that capacity and his proficient work the Past Masters' Association became one of the most prominent in the Province.

He took great and justifiable pride in his secretarial work. His beautiful penmanship in recording the Minutes of St. Andrew's Lodge and of the Past Masters' Association still stand as a memorial to him.

Fred Davidson was held in high esteem by all who knew him and his unanimous election to the Office of District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton Masonic District "B" in the year 1927 was a testimonial to this. As with everything he turned his hand to he served in this office with dignity, honour and distinction.

Not alone in the realms of Masonry did he develop his fraternal attainments, for in the year 1914, the year he was Worshipful Master of Zeta Lodge, he also served as Chief Ranger of the Canadian Order of Foresters and in the same year as District Deputy of the Sons of Scotland.

His love for his native land was constant and it was but natural that he should don the kilt and serve with the 48th Highlanders of Toronto for many years, eventually as a Staff Sergeant until his transfer to Hamilton. He was a member of a number of rifle teams with his Regiment and was the winner of several medals for his proficiency on the Ranges.

R. Wor. Bro. Frederick William Davidson was a man of many accomplishments, vocational, military and cultural. He was a lover of music and found much joy in vocal work. For many years he was very active in choir work in both Toronto and Hamilton, was tenor soloist in a number of Toronto churches; and a member of the Mendelssohn Choir in Toronto and the Elgar Choir here in Hamilton. Throughout the Province the Heather Male Quartette, of which he was a member, was famed for its renditions of Scottish music and, as one would expect, this quartette appeared in Highland Dress.

These many activities portray a very busy life, yet Fred still found time to take an active part in the church of his native land as a member of New Westminster Presbyterian Church, where he served on the Board of Managers.

He was a loving husband and father, a devoted Mason—a good man and true. He entered into the "Temple not built with hands, eternal in the heavens" on January 17th, 1945. His memory lingers on with all

of those who were privileged to know and work with him. The sadness of his passing is mitigated only by the pride we have in his accomplishments, for the Craft in particular and society in general. Those of us who worked with him and still remember him shall ever cherish his memory in our hearts—he was good and true, and St. Andrew's Lodge owes much of its present standing in the community to his untiring efforts during his twenty-three years of continuous service as its Secretary. "His name liveth" in our memories.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER ROBERT STRACHAN

Our worthy Secretary was born in Coatbridge, Lanarkshire, Scotland, and can claim kinship to the Immortal Bard through Burns' one great love, Jean Armour. He emigrated to Canada at an early age, where he found employment with the Canadian National Railway. On his retirement in 1965, he had served with C.N. for a period of forty-eight years, chiefly as accountant in the Freight Division.

Bobbie Strachan, as he is affectionately known to all his friends (who are legion), was initiated into St. Andrew's Lodge on April 24th, 1929. He was installed as Worshipful Master in 1941 and elected Secretary after the death of our first Secretary in 1945, and has served his Lodge continuously in that capacity for a period, to date, of twenty-seven years. He was also elected Secretary of the Hamilton Past Masters' Association in the same year, which post he still fills.

In 1948, he received Grand Lodge Honours when he was appointed Very Worshipful Brother Assistant Grand Secretary.

He was appointed a Director of the Hamilton Masonic Hall Board in 1958, and in 1959 was appointed Chairman of the Scrutineers Committee of Grand Lodge, on which he had served as a valuable member for ten years.

For his labours on this Committee, and his outstanding efforts in Masonry in general, Grand Lodge saw fit to appoint him Honorary Past Grand Senior Warden in the year 1963. In 1966, he was appointed an Honorary Inspector General, 33°, in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Dominion of Canada.

When one reads this Masonic record, it would appear that Bob Strachan had spent all of his time with and for the Masonic Order, leaving no time for other endeavours. This would be a wrong assumption.

R. WOR. BRO. ROBERT STRACHAN
Secretary

Small in stature, he is a giant among men, with indefatigable energy. For many years he has been a valued member of Erskine Presbyterian Church, which he serves as an Elder and as the Church Treasurer. In addition to this service to his church, he finds time to be the Treasurer of the Hamilton Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, plus innumerable duties as an active member of the Scottish Rite. Indeed, since his retirement, he is, if anything, busier than while he was still employed by the C.N.R.

One of the main reasons for his unbounded energy and enthusiasm is the fact that he has a very capable and charming supporter in all his endeavours, his wife, Phyllis. They have a beautiful cottage on Acton Island at Bala in the Muskoka District, where, in the summer season, they spend many happy days. Both love to swim, and have a very fine motor boat. They are also canoeing enthusiasts and on many occasions have taken canoe trips on the Musquosh and Moon Rivers in the Muskoka country. Bobbie's love of water is inherent as his father was a sea captain who died at sea and was buried in Calcutta, India.

He also has a cousin in New Zealand who is very active in Masonry and has written a number of articles for the Lodge of Research in Wellington, New Zealand.

Worshipful Masters come and go in any Masonic Lodge, but it is brethren like Robert Strachan, who come and stay, who make the difference. Much of our success as a Lodge is due directly to our Worthy Brother.

His meticulous recording of our Lodge business makes this record possible, and his wisdom, together with our Treasurer, in the handling of our financial affairs, has placed St. Andrew's Lodge in a very enviable position.

There are many things we could say of this man. Perhaps they could best be said by those brethren who have had the honour of serving in the Chair of King Solomon. The task of serving as Worshipful Master would be almost impossible were it not for the fact that in the background there stands our Right Worshipful Brother Secretary.

Bobbie Strachan, We Salute You! ! !

THE PAST MASTERS OF ST. ANDREW'S LODGE

*Very Worshipful Brother Donald Munro 1922
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*Worshipful Brother John S. Drysdale 1924
*Worshipful Brother John C. Munro 1925
*Worshipful Brother John C. Gordon 1926
*Right Worshipful Brother James Baird 1927
*Worshipful Brother John MacBeth 1928
*Worshipful Brother William Clelland 1929
*Very Worshipful Brother Gordon Brown 1930
*Very Worshipful Brother J. F. McDonald 1931
*Worshipful Brother Clarence S. Glennie 1932
*Worshipful Brother T. R. B. Robertson 1933
*Worshipful Brother John G. Sands 1934
†Worshipful Brother Oliver Baird 1935
Right Worshipful Brother Stewart Davidson 1936
Very Worshipful Brother T. B. MacNaughton 1937
*Very Worshipful Brother William Johnston 1938
*‡Very Worshipful Brother Donald Munro 1939
*Worshipful Brother George V. Bryan 1940
Right Worshipful Brother Robert Strachan 1941
Very Worshipful Brother J. B. McConnachie 1942
*Worshipful Brother Alex L. Burnett 1943
*Worshipful Brother Victor Bird 1944
Worshipful Brother Clyde B. Moyes 1945
Worshipful Brother Edward M. Marshall 1946
Worshipful Brother Joseph Neill 1947
*Worshipful Brother Andrew S. Cadenhead 1948
*Very Worshipful Brother James Fram 1949
*Worshipful Brother Norman J. C. Eastwood 1950
*Worshipful Brother Fred Tilley 1951
Worshipful Brother Alex Urquhart 1952
Worshipful Brother Matthew Fram 1953

*Worshipful Brother James McMullen 1954
Right Worshipful Brother Fordham W. Hyder 1955
Worshipful Brother Albert Patchett 1956
Worshipful Brother William Milne 1957
Worshipful Brother Jack S. W. Hayworth 1958
Worshipful Brother C. V. Elliott, Jr. 1959
Very Worshipful Brother John I. Carrick 1960
Worshipful Brother Norman J. Campbell 1961
Right Worshipful Brother David J. Miller 1962
*Worshipful Brother William Bailie 1963
Worshipful Brother Hugh Campbell 1964
Worshipful Brother James C. Kneebone 1965
Worshipful Brother John E. Raby 1966
Worshipful Brother Joseph W. Elder 1967
Worshipful Brother Andrew Davidson 1968
Worshipful Brother W. Bruce Sixsmith 1969
Worshipful Brother Norman Fair 1970

*—Deceased
†—No Longer a Member
‡—Served third term

AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS OF ST. ANDREW'S LODGE

*Most Worshipful Brother T. C. Wardley
*Right Worshipful Brother Fred W. Davidson
*Right Worshipful Brother Charles E. Kelly
*Right Worshipful Brother John Forth
†Right Worshipful Brother J. T. Broadbent
*Very Worshipful Brother T. E. Epps
Very Worshipful Brother W. H. Wallace
*Very Worshipful Brother James Fram
*Very Worshipful Brother L. P. Robertson
*Worshipful Brother Rolland Wismer
*†Worshipful Brother Wm. Dobson
*Worshipful Brother G. R. Stewart
*Worshipful Brother C. O. Middleton
†*Worshipful Brother George R. Stewart
Right Worshipful Brother K. C. Dailey
Right Worshipful Brother R. W. MacKay
Worshipful Brother C. E. Utz

*—Deceased
†—Attained Rank in another Lodge.